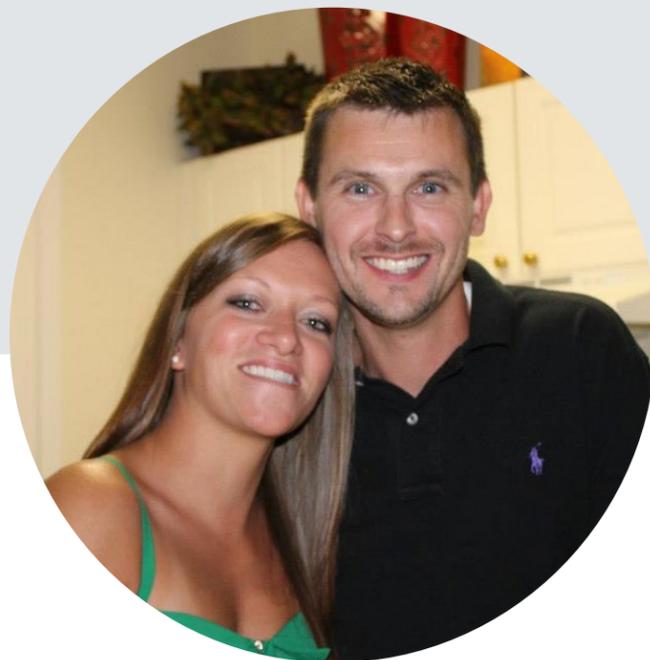




LEE *and*  
KATIE



# HI!

*it's so nice to meet you!*

## **We are Lee and Katie.**

Thank you for taking the time to read about our family. First, we would like to express how brave you are to be making this decision. We pray that this book will shed light on our family and what we will be able to offer your child. Although this book will not be able to present every detail of our life, we hope you will see we love BIG. Our family is the most important thing in our world, and we are beyond excited to add another member to our family. No matter what decision you make, we pray you have peace and comfort knowing your baby will be loved unconditionally.

**We are honored to be considered as the parents of your child and we wish you all the best.**

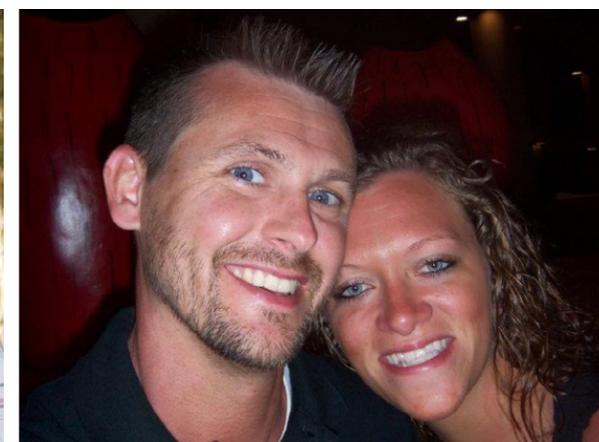
Love,

**LEE AND KATIE**

## OUR *Story*

We met in 2006 and dated for a couple of years. Katie was attracted to Lee's smile and outgoing personality. She loves that he enjoys being around people and would do anything to help someone else out. Lee was attracted to Katie because she is beautiful and has a great personality. She is also very close to her family. We took a little break to grow as individuals and got back together in 2009, engaged in 2011 and were married April of 2012.

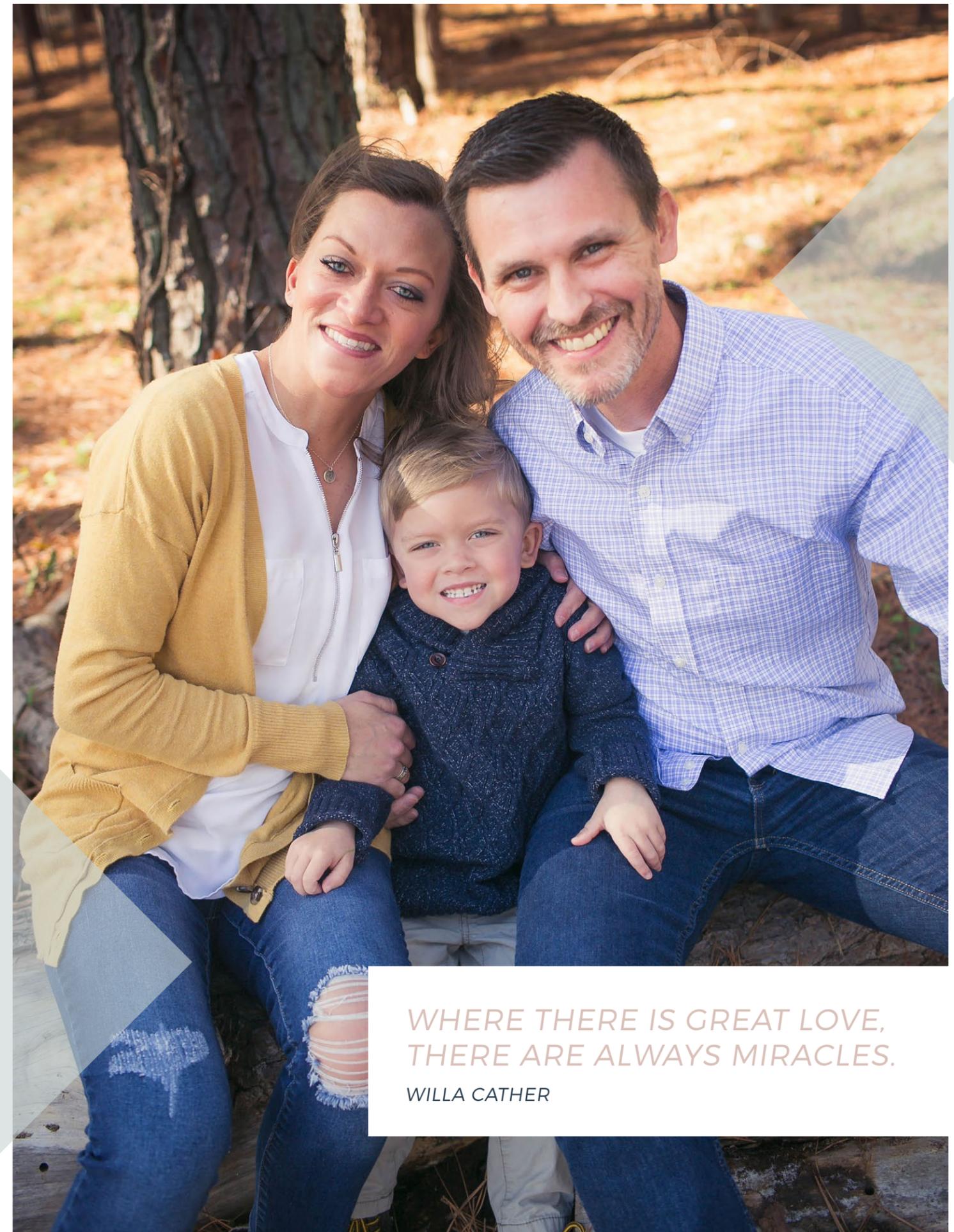
We feel strongly that the break we took allowed us to grow independently to be better for each other. Our wedding day was the most amazing day and we wish that we could go back and relive it all over again. All of our family and friends in one place, celebrating the love we have for each other. **Our love has grown, and we believe this next step in our lives will only add to that amount of love.**





## Why Adoption?

We have prayed for over a year about this decision. Katie was born with a congenital heart defect and had open heart surgery at nine months old. When she was pregnant with Hudson, she encountered some complications, Hudson was born at 35 weeks and spent ten days in the NICU. At two months old we were given the news that he had the same congenital heart defect. After some testing, we determined it was a genetic disorder that caused the heart defect. Hudson ended up having open heart surgery at 16 months but continues to thrive. The genetic disorder can have many other effects, and there was a 50/50 chance of another baby having this issue. **Not only did we not want to put another baby through this, but Katie was medically advised not to carry another child. After much thought and prayers, God led us to this decision. We could not be more excited to be on this journey with you.**



WHERE THERE IS GREAT LOVE,  
THERE ARE ALWAYS MIRACLES.

WILLA CATHER



## KATIE *as told by Lee*

Katie is an amazing woman/wife and an even more amazing mother. She is strong willed and strong minded and believes in the good of other people. She works hard to provide and make a better life for our family. Katie works full-time at a financial firm. Her company allows her to have a great work/ life balance. She previously worked for Chick-fil-A for 11 years, which allowed her to finish college with a Marketing degree. One of the reasons I love Katie so much is the fact that she will take time out of her day to listen to others. **Most of all, Katie loves her family with all of her heart.** She enjoys spending time outside – she loves the lake and vacationing at the beach. Growing up Katie spent a lot of time going to the lake with her family and friends. She has a lot of fun memories and now loves taking Hudson to experience the same fun-filled days at the lake as she experienced. Katie often takes Hudson to the movies for mommy-son dates, which he loves. Hudson and I are lucky to have Katie as a wife and mother. I am so excited to see her loving on another child!

### KATIE'S FAVORITES:

FOOD: WINGS  
MOVIE: THE HOLIDAY  
MUSIC: COUNTRY  
BOOK: ALL BOOKS!  
COLOR: TEAL  
CANDY: REESE'S  
HOLIDAY: CHRISTMAS



## LEE *as told by Katie*

**Lee is energetic and loves to be around people.** He is passionate and considerate of other people's feelings. He exceeds in providing for his family and giving his all in everything he does. Lee went to college for business management and is currently a business development manager for a staffing firm. He wants to be a role model for his son and is exceptional in that area. He strives to give all his love to his family and provide a safe environment as well. Hudson and I love all that Lee has to offer for our family. We are also grateful to the man he has become and continues to be. Lee likes to be outdoors and try new things. Lee's favorite thing to do with Hudson is playing ball or taking him on trips to Lowe's or Academy Sports. Lee is an amazing husband and father and I cannot wait to see him become a father again!

### LEE'S FAVORITES:

FOOD: CHICKEN TENDERS  
MUSIC: COUNTRY  
SPORT: FOOTBALL  
COLOR: BLUE  
CANDY: WHITE CHOCOLATE KIT KAT  
TV SHOW: THE GOOD DOCTOR



## MEET *Hudson*

Hudson is our strong, loving and energetic 4-year-old. He is sensitive, but strong-willed and a lover of animals. He loves being outside and being active. He also loves to read, draw, and color. Hudson enjoys riding his bike, which he is getting good at. He loves going to the lake and riding on the boat, golf cart, or anything that moves. He just started t-ball this year and is doing very well. When he was two, he played soccer, so it is awesome to see how much confidence he has gained when he is on the ball field. We have told him that we are adopting a baby and he is so excited! He prays every night for his brother or sister. Even at four he is very attentive and caring towards any baby. We are so excited to see him become a big brother!

### HUDSON'S FAVORITES:

SONG: SUNRISE, SUNBURN, SUNSET REPEAT  
FOOD: CHIPS AND CHEESE DIP  
MOVIE: TOY STORY/ MONSTERS INC  
CANDY: ANYTHING CHOCOLATE  
BOOKS: LLAMA LLAMA BOOKS OR DR. SUESS  
COLOR: BLUE





## HOME *sweet home*

We recently moved into a ranch style home with an open floor plan, with lots of room for our children to play. Our home has an extra bedroom that we are excited to turn into a nurse's office. We have almost an acre lot with a huge fenced-in backyard, perfect for our children to run around in. We love the "home" feel of our neighborhood. We have farms all around our neighborhood and even have a field with horses and donkeys that we can see from our house. Hudson loves that.

Our neighborhood and little city that surrounds us is very safe and has great schools. We have met most of the people in the neighborhood and have started to build relationships with them. We can't wait to bring home a new baby to complete our home!



# OUR family

**Our entire family lives within an hour of each other,** with exception of one of Lee's brothers. We recently moved to be closer to our families. We have enjoyed spending more time with all of our families. Hudson gets to grow up with his cousins near. Katie has one sister, Ashley that she is very close to, and her sister has three children: Madison, Savannah, and Jackson. We have sleepovers, birthday celebrations and holiday get togethers. Lee has one brother, Kevin that was in the army for 8 years and he lives out of state, so we get to see him around the holidays. He has another brother, Steven that is married and they live about an hour away from us. We also have a big group of friends that we have met in all the stages of our lives. Katie has friends that she met in elementary and high school, and they talk weekly. Lee has a group of friends from high school that he still stays in touch frequently.



WE LOVE OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES BECAUSE THEY ARE SUPPORTIVE AND LOVING. EVERYONE IS SO EXCITED TO ADD ANOTHER BABY TO THE FAMILY!



# THINGS *we love*

**LEE LOVES** being outdoors.

**LEE LOVES** spending time with family.

**LEE LOVES** playing golf.

**LEE LOVES** hanging out with friends.

**LEE LOVES** coaching Hudson's t-ball team.

**LEE LOVES** ALL football-related activities.

**KATIE LOVES** to read.

**KATIE LOVES** spending time with her family.

**KATIE LOVES** working out.

**KATIE LOVES** going to the movies.

**KATIE LOVES** getting pedicures.

**KATIE LOVES** spending time with her friends.

**HUDSON LOVES** animals.

**HUDSON LOVES** riding his bike.

**HUDSON LOVES** reading and learning to read.

**HUDSON LOVES** to learn and ask questions.

**HUDSON LOVES** going on family hiking trips.

**HUDSON LOVES** going swimming, especially the ocean.

**HUDSON LOVES** throwing the baseball, football, and the frisbee.

## **TOGETHER WE LOVE:**

We all love being outdoors and enjoy time with each other. We love going to the beach, the mountains, and the lake. We enjoy taking Hudson to see the monster trucks, bowling, and the aquarium. Any opportunity we have to let Hudson experience new things, we take full advantage.



SAY OUR PRAYERS

LAUGH

DANCE



GIVE BACK

SPEND TIME WITH FRIENDS

GO ON ADVENTURES



IN THIS family we...

CELEBRATE

GO TO CHURCH

DO THINGS AS A FAMILY



PLAY HIDE-N-SEEK

ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT EACH OTHER

GO TO THE BEACH



LOVE GOD

LOVE EACH OTHER

LOVE BIG



"YOU WERE BORN IN OUR HEARTS"

# PROMISES *from us to you*

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us and considering us to be the parents of your child. We will be forever grateful for the sacrifice you have made. We know this is the missing piece to our family, and we hope you find comfort in your decision. We promise your child will be welcomed into our family with open arms and open hearts. Should you decide to choose our family, we can promise you the following:

- We promise to** provide a safe home.
- We promise to** treat your child just as Hudson is treated.
- We promise to** keep in contact as much as you would like to.
- We promise to** teach your child all that it takes to be a compassionate person.
- We promise to** teach your child about God.
- We promise to** honor you and the sacrifice you have made for your child.
- We promise to** love your child with all our hearts.

Love,  
**LEE, KATIE AND HUDSON**

